

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Fort Pierre Congregational United Church of Christ was constructed in 1908, replacing a wooden structure that had been built 19 years earlier, and formally dedicated on June 20, 1909; and,

Whereas, In 1962, the bell was removed from the bell tower, a new cap was built over the top of the tower, and the bell was left to sit in the backyard of the church for many years; and,

Whereas, In 1967, the basement had extensive work done, and the mid-70s brought a new chimney to the structure; and,

Whereas, On December 22, 1977, the church building was added to the National Register of Historical Sites for its religious and architectural significance, and it is the oldest building still being used as a church meeting place in the Pierre and Fort Pierre communities; and,

Whereas, In December 1980, work was completed on remodeling and renovating the interior of the church, which included a complete make over of the sanctuary, and in 1990, in honor of their centennial celebration, the bell was placed on a ground level pedestal in front of the building; and,

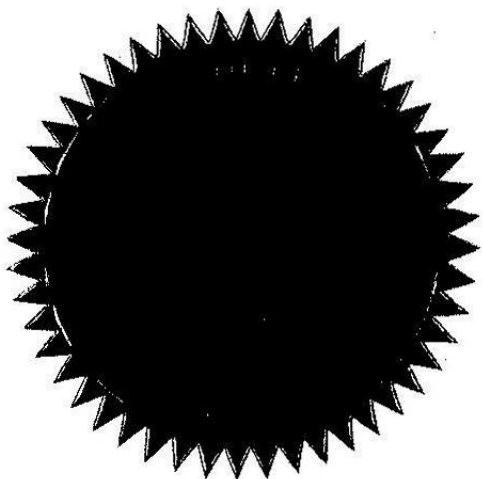
Whereas, The congregation made a unanimous decision to go forward with restoration of the current building in late 2002, with future plans to add handicap accessibility and a new fellowship hall; and,

Whereas, A formal rededication service will be held on Sunday, October 5, 2003, with a regular worship service at 10:30 a.m., dinner to follow at 12:00 noon, and the rededication service at 1:30 p.m.:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2003, as

FORT PIERRE CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State